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# Ike Praises CIA For Its Work Around World

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WASHINGTON (AP) — With a silver trowel, President Eisenhower Tuesday helped lay the cornerstone of the Central Intelligence Agency's new \$5-million-dollar building.

Eisenhower, speaking in bright sunshine to a crowd of some 3,000, expressed appreciation to the CIA's agents for their efforts. Their work, he said, requires dedication and courage and their heroes are "undecorated and anonymous, often even among their own fraternity."

The new CIA home is being built at Langley, Va., a couple of miles outside Washington. It will provide a central location for the thousands of CIA employees now scattered in 22 separate buildings here. The structure is due to be completed by August 1961.

Into the building CIA agents scattered around the world will funnel information to be assessed.

A large part of it is aimed at keeping tabs on the Soviet Union's activities and intentions.

How many people will work in the new building the CIA would not disclose under its close-mouthed mode of operation. All a spokesman would say is that the building will have one million square feet of space plus another 600,000 square feet of corridors.

At the cornerstone laying, Eisenhower was aided by CIA Director Allen W. Dulles, Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy and Robert Murphy, retiring Under Secretary of State.

Before helping to place the cornerstone, Eisenhower asked a workman where the marble came from. The workman replied it came from Georgia.

Cemented behind the cornerstone was a rectangular copper box. It included selected historical documents such as the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt's inaugural address, and the knowledge that

Eisenhower said that for America to achieve its fundamental aspiration to preserve peace the nation must have a picture of conditions, resources, requirements and attitudes of the world. And speaking directly to the CIA employees, he said:

"No task could be more important. Upon the quality of your work depends in large measure the success of our effort to further our nation's position in the international scene."

Eisenhower told the CIA agents their work demands the highest order of dedication, ability, trustworthiness and selflessness "to say nothing of the finest type of courage whenever needed."

"Their inspiration is rooted in patriotism—their reward can be little except the conviction that they are performing a unique and indispensable service for their country, and the knowledge that America needs and appreciates their efforts."

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